

## Development district amendments proposed

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A Montgomery County Council committee continues to review and revise possible changes to special taxing districts in the county.

Councilwoman Duchy Trachtenberg (D-At large) of North Bethesda proposed changes to the development districts, which provide funds for roads, parks and libraries by taxing residents in the districts to pay for them.

Trachtenberg, chairwoman of the Management and Fiscal Policy Committee, was seeking a middle ground between residents and developers

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on who would pay the taxes.

The first amendment would require the Planning Board and the county executive to act on development district proposals within certain time limits.

The second amendment would require that developers could only be reimbursed for improvements they otherwise would not have had to make.

The third amendment, aimed at both developer and community concerns, would require notice of the taxing districts be placed in each deed for future homebuyers.

But at Monday's committee meeting, planning officials said the language in the amendments could cause more legal problems than they solve.

"My objective here ... was to provide more clarification," Trachtenberg said.

No decisions were made at the meeting.

"I'm moving towards an amendment to my amendment to my amendment, but I don't know what that language should be," Trachtenberg said.